

## Monterey County HIV Planning Group Agenda

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 9-11am

Marina Training Center, 299 12<sup>th</sup> St., Marina, CA 93933

Present: Amanda Mihalko (MCHD), Kristy Michie (MCHD), Maria Benitez (NIDO), Lori Salmiery (SJAETC), Elena Maciel Pantoja (MCHD), Jocelyn Brady (CCHAS), Harpreet Gill (MCHD, CSUMB intern), Gary Rodriguez (CSUMB), Sarah di Grazia (CSUMB), Dr. Wendell Harry (NIDO/NMC), Patti Yurus (OPIS/CHOMP), Susie Barnes (MCHD)

### Welcome and Introductions

#### I. Announcements/Agency and Clinic Updates

- Updates from participants (agency/staff changes, projects of interest, trends, trainings, announcements, questions for group, etc.)

#### NIDO:

- Maria Benitez, representing NIDO Clinic, reported that NIDO currently has 277 clients, 7 new clients since our November meeting. Staff have been working with private providers and hospitals to discuss the importance of confirmatory testing, and explaining/disclosing results to individuals.
- Dr. Harry was in attendance and reported that NIDO is currently looking for a full-time bilingual nurse (position budgeted for RN, will fill position with LVN for appropriate candidate). Please help get the word out!

#### OPIS:

- Patti Yurus, RN, reported that OPIS caseload is currently 173, and has worked with 5 new clients since November. In addition, an RN per diem position has been posted and interviews are underway.

#### CSUMB:

- Gary Rodriguez, working with CSUMB Health and Wellness Services, reported that the CSUMB student body has grown to 6,663 students. The Health and Wellness Services provides Health Promotion opportunities across the CSUMB campus, including presentations and activities focusing on suicide prevention, STD and reproductive health, and drugs and alcohol. Gary also introduced Sarah di Grazia as a new staff member to the Health and Wellness Center. Welcome Sarah!

#### CCHAS:

- Jocelyn Brady, Development Director at CCHAS, reported that CCHAS is no longer providing general prevention outreach in the community, but continuing prevention efforts in Recovery Centers and local jails. CCHAS staff will be referring individuals seeking HIV tests to Planned Parenthood, county clinics,

and FQHCs. She also reported that since November 2014 both CCHAS offices have continued to be food pantry sites.

#### AIDS Education Training Center:

- Lori Salmiery spoke about the 4 year funding cycle, working toward training health care providers, as well as looking at local treatment cascades (HIV Care Continuum) to identify who is out of care and work to re-engage them into a system of care. Focus on longitudinal training versus previous one day models.

#### MCHD:

- Susie Barnes, Epidemiologist, reported that a consultant working for the City of Salinas requested data for an upcoming grant submission, specifically the number of people living with HIV and AIDS in Monterey County. The current number is 641.
- Elena Maciel Pantoja reported that there will be an upcoming Trauma and Resilience training opportunity on March 6<sup>th</sup>, in Marina. Flyer with details sent to MCHPG email distribution list on February 18, 2015. The training will review the concepts of trauma informed care.
- Kristy Michie, Program Manager for Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Department, reported that some local providers are utilizing viral loads as screening tests for HIV. She asked the group that if they become aware of specific providers doing this to contact Amanda Mihalko to follow up.
- Amanda Mihalko, HIV & AIDS Programs Coordinator reported that she recently presented for CSUMB's Black Students United to correspond to National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. In addition, she met with NAACP Health Committee and African American HIV AIDS Wellness Program in January to offer support for outreach in the future.
  - General announcement that stories from women and girls living with HIV or from people who work with them are sought for a national campaign in recognition of National Women and Girls HIV AIDS Awareness Day March 10<sup>th</sup> (request and info sent via MCHPG distribution list on February 13, 2015).

## II. Surveillance

- [Case Reporting and Lab Updates, Kristy Michie, M.S., Program Manager for the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Division](#)
  - Kristy Michie reviewed how HIV & AIDS funding is received from the California Department of Public Health, including the formulas for allocation of funds, program goals, and expected outcomes. In addition, she underscored the importance of timely case reporting and surveillance data as a means for continued Prevention and Care funding, including the point that grant funding comes with administrative tasks.

- Review of the sexually transmitted infections among Monterey County residents, including provisional 2014 data. Of note, there has been an increase in chlamydia, early syphilis (early/primary, highest among MSM), late syphilis, Hepatitis B (highest among Asian Americans), and Hepatitis C (numbers may be driven by local prison information).
  1. Limited success with Partner Services discussed; the most cited reason by people asked about partner services is that they do not have specific information of their partners (names, contact info, addresses, etc.) This point was echoed by staff at NIDO, CCHAS, and OPIS.

### III. Prevention

- Medical Provider outreach to increase routine testing, promote LTC & PS
  - MCHD Health Update sent to Medical providers re: Routine Testing
    1. Review of CDC Analysis of Primary Care Physicians providing Routine HIV Screening presented at the 2014 International AIDS Conference.
- PrEP – Updates
  - Questions? Challenges? Need resource materials?
    1. Discussion about what a model of PrEP dissemination would look like in the county and group discussed a combination of private providers and clinics, with the overarching goal of making sure access was available across the county.
    2. Amanda Mihalko reported that they have received a number of requests from community members and different agencies for information regarding PrEP, including cost, availability, and side effects. Project Inform has been instrumental in providing written resources in English and Spanish.
    3. Lori Salmiery also reported that Project Inform has a lot of well received resources and may be available for assistance with future meetings. She shared that some of the Bay Area has also been challenged with prescribing PrEP from within existing HIV clinics because they are set up with Ryan White funding and/or specifically for people living with HIV.
    4. Dr. Harry reported that several potential PrEP clients have been referred to Dr. Saglio's office in Salinas. In addition, he has offered to be a resource for the larger community if private physicians have questions about prescribing Truvada (PrEP).
- Syringe law change (AB 1743)
  - MCHD Health Update sent to pharmacists regarding the change in law and link to a webinar regarding changes.
  - Local Ordinance follow up
- Joint Training with Santa Cruz County

- January 13, 2015 Stigma and Discrimination Training held in Watsonville
  1. Review of Action Items
    - a. Importance of bringing awareness to Stigma and Discrimination faced by clients in a variety of ways (social media, training, tabling events, discussions with co-workers, colleagues, community members, etc.)
  - Anticipating Partner Services Training in 2015
- Recent HIV Test Counselor Meeting, January 26, 2015
  - Review of Training Requests/areas of focus for 2015
    1. Training topics generated by HIV Test Counselor group include HIV and LGBTQ individuals, Transgender community and HIV Prevention, PrEP, Intimate Partner Violence in LGBTQ relationships, and general cultural sensitivity training.

#### IV: Care and ACA

- Ryan White Part B, Contractor Visit, January 21, 2015
  - Successful visit to the MCHD. Increased focus on spending out allocated funds (95% of allocations) and determining what service categories are needed for each clinic.
- Covered California Open Enrollment (November 15 through February 15, 2015), if eligible for Medi-Cal no open enrollment period
  - MCHD assistance with enrollment (MCHPG email 1/30/15)
- ACA/ADAP – successes, challenges, specific questions?
  - Group discussed that some individuals who have received Ryan White funds for a number of years have been reluctant to transition to expanded Medi-Cal or Covered California. Reasons for concern range from confidentiality, difficulty with change, trust that bills will be paid, and stigma.

#### V. California Planning Group

- Next meeting on March 11, 2015 in Sacramento
  - i. Please send any questions or feedback to be shared at the meeting to Amanda Mihalko by March 9, 2015.
- Review of Office of AIDS December, January, February 2015 Updates

#### VI. Open Forum/discussion

- Patti Yurus announced that Dr. Koshinski is no longer working with CHOMP. Dr. Blum is working with Peninsula Primary Care at the Crossroads in Carmel, though covering Infectious Disease at CHOMP.
- Lori Salmiery announced that San Luis Obispo County will hold their annual HIV Update in San Luis Obispo on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Embassy Suites. Email announcement to follow.